**Notes for UNEP’s Presentation at Start-up Workshop - 24-25th Nov 2011 - Dessie, Ethiopia – 15 Nov 2011 - Dr. E. Migongo-Bake**

**Brief on Nile Basin Project**

1. UNEP supports countries and communities to adapt to climate change, and to reduce their **policy** support to use these findings in decision making, and carrying out **pilots and demonstrations** of how vulnerability to climate change can be reduced. UNEP also vulnerability through building ecosystem resilience. UNEP’s approach to supporting adaptation focuses on building the capacities of countries to undertake vulnerability and adaptation **assessments**, providing countries with **knowledge and** undertakes **economic analysis** of climate change impacts and adaptation options, and supports countries in accessing **adaptation finance**.
2. Ecosystem-based Adaptation approaches are integrated across these five areas of work through UNEP’s Ecosystem-based Adaptation Flagship Programme.
3. UNEP works to develop effective EbA approaches, undertakes assessments of ecosystem services for adaptation, and helps communities adapt to climate change through good ecosystem management practices and their integration into development processes. UNEP is working towards implementing the EbA Flagship in diverse ecosystem settings, including **mountains**, **river basins**, **dry-lands** and **low-lying coasts**.
4. **The Nile River Basin Project**

**Consists of 3 Work Programme components:**

1. **WP 1: Comprehensive Assessments & Modeling (on-going)**

**Has two components:**

* + Nile Basin hydrological modelling work and linked to assessments/scenarios work (DHI)
  + Nile Basin Comprehensive assessments & scenarios and linked to modelling work (UNEP)

1. **WP 2: Policy support and Capacity Building (GWP/NBI) -(Commences Jan 2012)**
2. **WP 3: Demonstration/Piloting at country level (Commenced Oct/Nov 2011)**

Consists of 2 pilots:

* + Ethiopia (UNEP & ILRI/Wollo University)
  + Uganda (UNEP, PROTOS & MOW)

1. **WP 4: Communication, awareness and media (NBI and UNEP)**

This will commence in the second half of 2012 following outcomes of WP 1-3.

**Roadmap for finalisation of the Nile River Basin Project**

**JAN 2012**

**WP2 work commences**

**MAY 2012**

**WP1/3 Drafts ready**

**JUNE 2012**

**Finalised comprehensive report shared with all**

**DEC 2012**

**Final Report ready for SIDA**

**DEC 2011**

**WP 1 Drafts ready**

**WP4. Development of comms materials starts (NBI/UNEP)**

**OCT 2011**

**Planning meeting & NBDF**

**Terminal Evaluation**

**No cost extension**

**Links to Planned Climate Proofing Project of UNEP**

**Objective:**

**Proposed project Countries (4):** Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique

**Duration:** 4 years

**Key Activities:**

1. **Assessments:** Biophysical and socio-economic drivers of degradation; Analysis **of ecosystem goods and services**
2. **Training and capacity building** on adaptation options, links to local knowledge
3. **Scenarios**, **tradeoffs** based on ecosystem goods and services, and alternative livelihoods;
4. **Piloting adaptation innovations** with local communities (Blue Nile drylands project contributes to this component);
5. **Policy analysis** and capacity building and **dialogues** for mainstreaming adaptation into national development policy

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